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# OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER OF HARRIS COUNTY

HARRIS COUNTY COURT HOUSE HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

AUTOPSY REPORT

Case 73 - 3413

August 15, 1973

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS ON THE BODY

OF

Billy Gene Baulch, Jr. 439 West 16th Street Houston, Texas

Asphyxia due to strangulation.

OPINION

It is our opinion that the decedent, Billy Gene Baulch, Jr., came to his death as a result of asphyxia due to strangulation - Homicide.

It is our further opinion that death occurred on or about May 21, 1972.

COMMENT: In view of the above, it is our opinion, based upon a reasonable medical probability, these are the remains of Billy Gene Baulch, Jr.

Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., J.D.

Chief Medical Examiner

(See Companion Cases 73-3365, 73-3366, 73-3408, 73-3409 and 73-3412)

#### POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

Billy Gene Baulch, Jr. 439 West 16th Street Houston, Texas

HISTORY: These skeletal remains were recovered in Chambers County, approximately 1917 feet east of the West County line of Chambers County, Texas, approximately 123 feet south of Highway 87, at approximately 4:00 p.m. on August 13, 1973. This body and 73-3412 (Unknown #25) were atop one another in a common grave with their respective heads at opposite ends of the grave. The grave appeared to be about 36 inches deep, 24 inches wide and 42 inches in length. There was no lime-like substance or noticeable foreign matter in the grave, other than the remains of this body and 73-3412 (Unknown #25), a cord similar to a venetian blind cord and plastic covering. This body, according to the Sheriff at the scene, had a smaller bone structure than that of 73-3412 (Unknown #25). (See Companion Cases 73-3365, 73-3366, 73-3408, 73-3409, and 73-3412)

AUTOPSY: The autopsy was performed by Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., assisted by Assistant Medical Examiners Ethel E. Erickson, M.D., and G. Sheldon Green, M.D., and assisted by Dr. Paul G. Stimson, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on August 15, 1973, in the Harris County Morgue.

EXTERNAL APPEARANCE: Received in a black crash bag were the skeletal remains of a human being with the flesh nearly completely deteriorated away, but covered with mud and lime. Included was a length of looped cord, venetian blind type, that was wrapped around the neck. The head was covered with brown hair, measuring up to 6 to 7 inches in length. Also included was a length of thicker rope, that was about twice the thickness of the venetian blind cord, with a hangman's noose in it. Included was the skull; the mandible was not present. Two femurs were present. Two tibias were present. Two humeri, two fibulas, two ulnas and three radii were present. One of these radii probably belongs to Case 73-3412. Two clavicles, two scapulae, two pelvic bones, eighteen ribs, one metatarsal and twelve vertebrae. The length of the femur was 17 inches; the length of the tibia was 14 inches; the length of the fibula was 14 inches; humerus was 12 inches; ulna 9-1/2 inches and radius 10-1/2 inches. The clavicles each measured 6 inches in length.

Further examination of these remains revealed the following bones: skull intact; the mandible is absent; cervical vertebrae 1 and 2, and 4 or 5; four mid thoracic vertebrae; five lumbar vertebrae, these represented lumbar vertebrae from two skeletons. There was no lumbar vertebra 5 present. Four of the vertebrae were intact. One lacked the entire neural arch. The appearance of this bone suggested a congenital lesion as in a spina bifida. All of these vertebrae showed some degree of fusion of the annular epiphyses. Three, including that with the possible spina bifida, were similar in the shape of their centra to the shape of the centra of the sacrum and appeared to match with the remainder of the skeleton. The two remaining lumbar vertebrae did not appear to be consistent with these remains and were removed. Also present were the left ilium, complete, sacrum, complete, right and left scapulae, right ribs 1, and 3 through 11, numbers 2 and 12 were missing, left ribs 2, 3, and 4 and 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11, numbers 1, 5, 10 and 12 were missing, right and left clavicles, right and left femurs, right and left tibia, right and left fibula, right and left humeri, showing stage 3 fusion of the proximal epiphyses and stage 4 fusion of the distal conjoint epiphyses and medial epicondalar epiphyses.

The following bones were present, which were not consistent with this skeleton: a right ilium; this showed stage 0 fusion of the epiphysis of the iliac crest. The symphysis pubis was consistent with an age in the mid teens and up to 18 years; right ribs 9, 10 and 11; these were substantially more massive than the remainder of the ribs and clearly did not belong with this skeleton; two right ulnas, both showing stage 4 fusion of the proximal epiphyses and stage 0 fusion of the distal epiphyses; one left ulna, showing stage 4 fusion of the proximal epiphyses, and stage 2 to 3 fusion of the distal epiphyses; a left 5th metatarsal; and a right hamate. The last two bones could not definitely be linked to this skeleton, nor can they be totally eliminated from it. However, in the absence of definitive evidence of belonging to it, they were removed to a separate container to be labeled as having been found with this skeleton, but not consistent with it.

#### DENTAL EXAMINATION

Dental examination reveals the maxilla only; the mandible is not present with the remains. The upper right and left third molars are in the crypts. There is distal occlusal caries on the upper right second molar, which is tooth 2. There is distal occlusal caries on the upper right first molar, tooth 3. There is distal occlusal caries on the upper left first molar, which is tooth 14. There is occlusal caries on the upper left second molar, which is tooth 15. There is an incisal chipping and wear on tooth 9, towards the distal incisal. Tooth 9 has a mesial rotation with a mesial incisal angle lapped over the mesial incisal angle of tooth 8.

Paul G. Stimson, D.D.S., M.S.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

### October 8-9, 1973

Mrs. Baulch, together with Barbara Jo Cox, was at the Harris County Morgue between 9:30 a.m. and Noon on October 8, 1973, and was shown photographs of all of the clothing. She did not identify any items from the clothing on that day. Mr. Knowles, however, noticed a visible reaction when she looked at the silver belt buckle. She was then shown the hair display of the victims and said that Unknown #26 was similar to the hair of Billy, but Unknown #2 was too light to be similar to the hair of Michael. She was then shown three photographs of Unknown #2. She said she was unsure, but that it might be Michael. She was then shown the jaws of Unknown #2. She looked at them and stated that she could not be sure, but it could be Michael's mouth. Prior to this, however, she described a chip in tooth #9 and a vertical crack in tooth #8 on Michael.

She was then shown the maxilla of Unknown #26. When she saw the teeth in the anterior posterior view and then when the maxilla was being rotated so that she could have a headon look at the teeth numbers 8 and 9, she exclaimed "That's Billy's teeth" and broke into tears. After comforting her for approximately twenty minutes, we then asked her to look again at the maxilla and mandible of Unknown #2 and she said that that could be Michael, but she was not sure. She requested that her husband be permitted to see what she was shown this date. In fact, her niece, Barbara Jo Cox, called Mr. Baulch and spoke with him on the telephone. I also spoke with Mr. Baulch on the telephone and we made a date for him to come in with Mrs. Baulch between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. on October 9, 1973.

Between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on October 9, 1973, Mr. Baulch was shown the same items. Initially, he thought that the hair of Unknown #2 was not quite coarse enough to be that of Michael, but that the hair of Unknown #26 could be Billy. He then looked at the photographs and he recognized the silver buckle and the belt to which it was attached as being his which he gave to Michael to wear. He was then shown the buckle and the belt, and he examined them very carefully, and both he and Mrs. Baulch agreed that that was the belt that Michael wore. Mrs. Baulch also stated how she cut the end of the

belt off to make it fit Michael. Mr. Baulch mentioned the stretching in the backside and demonstrated that. He demonstrated the sag in the backside of the belt and explained the reason for it happening, namely he being a truck driver sitting in that position for long intervals of time. He was then shown the same photographs of the Unknown #2 body taken during the autopsy and was not quite sure at that point whether it was Michael or not. He was then shown the maxilla of Billy first and he agreed with his wife's statement that this was Billy's mouth. He was then shown the maxilla and mandible of Unknown #2 and stated that that looked like it, but that he could not be positive immediately. He studied the teeth more fully. He, as well as Mrs. Baulch, remembered a crack in tooth #8, running the vertical length of the tooth. He related as to the manner of how he sustained that injury, when he jumped off and struck his chin against his knee and cracked his tooth. He also recognized the attrition resultant from the grinding habit that Michael was known to have. Both parents mentioned this even before we showed them the teeth. He then studied the smile by cupping his hands over the jawbones and looking only at the teeth and decided that yes that was Michael.

Finally, at their request, they were shown all of the autopsy photographs of Unknown #2, including the two gunshot holes, and at this point, each parent agreed it was Michael and that was Michael's hair. Accordingly, the body of Unknown #2, Michael, and the skeletal remains of Unknown #26, Billy Baulch, were made ready for release to the Heights Funeral Home, which was the wish of the parents. The funeral services were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on October 12, 1973.

Mrs. Baulch also pointed out that the canines of Billy were real pointed and the canines on Michael were more worn and flat. This conforms to the appearance of these teeth in Unknown #2 and Unknown #26.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

#### October 11, 1973

Following the identification of the dental features of this decedent as being those of Billy Baulch, it was evident that the estimate of age, based upon the features of the left innominate bone, were not consistent with the age of this decedent. The right innominate bone, which was originally removed from these remains, was consistent with an age of 17 years and clearly must have belonged to this decedent. The sacrum fit the older left innominate bone and did not fit the younger right innominate bone. Therefore, the left innominate, the sacrum, and three lumbar vertebrae which more closely matched the configuration of the sacrum, were removed from these remains. The right innominate was placed in the container together, with two lumbar vertebrae which were more consistent with a slightly larger, heavier individual than was represented the now unidentified left innominate. Reexamination of the long bones of the forearms showed that all three ulnas were consistent with an age in the mid teens. Two of them, a right and left, provided reasonable matches, at the elbow joint, for the two humeri. The two radii matched in length, configuration and general bone structure with these two ulnas and also provided a reasonable fit at the elbow joint. They were now included with the remains of Billy Baulch.

Thus, the unidentified skeletal parts which were removed from this body consisted of a left innominate, a sacrum, three lumbar vertebrae, including that which showed failure of fusion of the neural arch, three ribs, a hamate bone, and a fifth metatarsal. The maxilla which had been preserved in a separate container, was now added to the remains of Billy Baulch at this time.

G. Sheldon Green, M.D.

Autopsy

### INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Investigator:	н.	C.	Gregory

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Decedent:	Billy Gene Baulch, Jr.	Race_W	Sex M	1ge_17
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Death:	FOUND August 13, 1973 Chambers County, approximately 1917 feet	_Approx. Time	4:00	YAXMXX P.M.
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Place of Inquest:				

Location, Position, and Surroundings of Body:

Date and Time of Inquest:\_\_

This common grave was known as Chambers County Grave Site #4. This body was known as Chambers County Body #5.

August 14, 1973

Clothing: There was no clothing.

Information:

The decedent, according to Chambers County Sheriff Louis Otter, was disintered from a grave site at the above location at the above time. The grave appeared to be about 36 inches deep, 24 inches wide and 42 inches in length. There was no lime-like substance or noticeable foreign matter in the grave, other than the remains of Medicolegal Case 73-3412 and Medicolegal Case 73-3413, a cord similar to a venetian blind cord and plastic covering. The decedent, according to Sheriff Otter, had a smaller bone structure than that of Unknown #25 (Case 73 - 3412). The decedent and Case 73-3412 (Unknown #25) were atop one another in a common grave with their respective heads at opposite ends of the grave.

H. C. Gregory NN

(See Companion Cases 73-3365, 73-3366, 73-3408, 73-3409 and 73-3412)

Property: No jewelry, buttons, buckles or personal effects were located in the grave.

Transferred to Morgue by: Sterling Funeral Home, Dayton, Texas

Heights Funeral Home, Houston, Texas Funeral Home Conducting Service:

Autopsy

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## **INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT**

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Case No. 73 - 3413

Investigator:	н.	C.	Gregory
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Case No.		
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Location, Position, and Surroundings of Body:

Clothing:

Information:

The following information was furnished on August 13, 1973, by Houston Police Department Homicide Detective Donovan regarding Billy Baulch, 17 year old white male, 5 feet 9 inches, 145 pounds, 439 West 16th Street, Houston, Texas. Billy Baulch had been missing since May 21, 1972. The suspect Brooks said that Billy Baulch was one of the decedents. Billy Baulch had a chip in his upper left lateral incisor. An X-ray of Billy Baulch's left elbow will be furnished to this department, revealing a fracture which occurred in 1966.

X-ray labeled "Billy Baulch" and a black and white photograph of Billy and Mike Baulch were turned over to H. C. Gregory at the Harris County Morgue on August 13, 1973, by Houston Police Department Officers A. J. Toepoel and E. E. Benningfield.

H. C. Gregory NN

Property:

Transferred to Morgue by:

Funeral Home Conducting Service:

Texas

25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR

Houston 25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. HEIGHTS FUNERAL HOME

25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE

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Ranger Charlie Neal called back to the Homicide Office and stated that they had discovered another body in the same grave site as body #26 was found. This was approx. 1260 feet east of the body being shown as #25, and this is in Chambers County. The body was ordered removed to the Harris County Morgue and at this time is unknown. It appears to a white male and is badly decomposed.

NOTE: This body was found in the same grave site as body #26.

IDENTIFICATION OF COMPL. OCTOBER, 9,1973

Dr. Jachimeyzk called this date and stated that he had made identification of this body and that cause of death was by strangulation.

OFFICERS J.R. HAMBL D-532, J.D. TUCKER D-559 K. D. PORTER D-563

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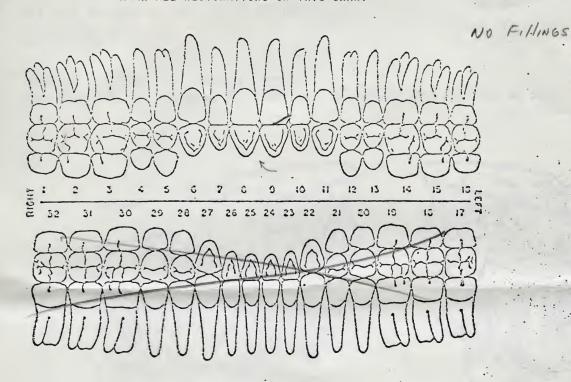
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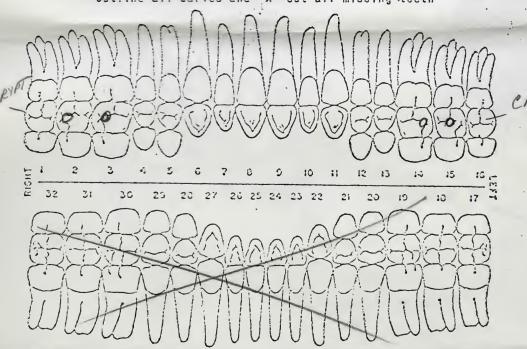
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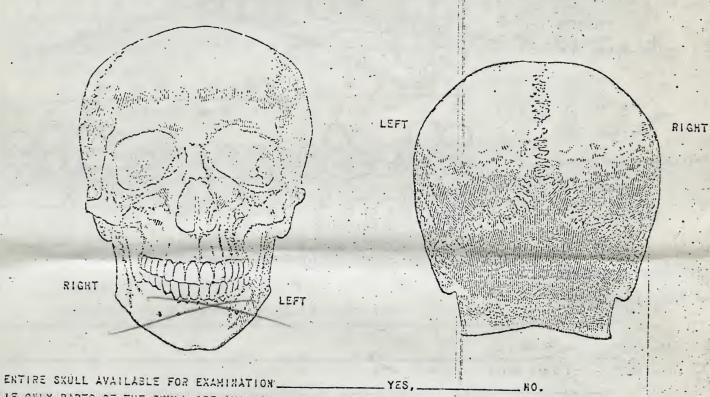
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MAKE SURE THAT ANY PARTS OF THE SKULL THAT YOU REMOVE HAVE ATTACHED TO THEM A TAG WITH THE ASSIGNED IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.

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